

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on February 15, 2005. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claims 1, 12, 16, 17 and 20 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

I. Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure was objected to because of an informality. The disclosure was amended in a manner which is believed to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 16-18 and 20-21 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 16-18 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by WO 01/15449 ("Vamparys"). Independent Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the cited rejection.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in relevant part: "obtaining a user profile from each of said at least three different program recommenders, R₁, R₂ and R₃; obtaining for each program on said list a set of recommendation scores, S₁, S₂ and S₃, from each of said recommenders, R₁, R₂ and R₃, a respective score from set of recommendation scores, S₁, S₂ and S₃, corresponding to a respective user profile...". (Emphasis added) Claim 17 recites similar language as Claim 1.

Amended Claim 12 recites, in relevant part: "obtaining a plurality of user profiles from said list of one or more television programs; obtaining at least an explicit recommendation score, E, for said one or more television programs corresponding to a first user profile of said plurality of user profiles; obtaining at least an implicit recommendation score, I, for said one or

more television programs corresponding to a second user profile of said plurality of user profiles; obtaining at least a feedback recommendation score, F, for said one or more television programs corresponding to a third user profile of said plurality of user profiles...". (Emphasis added) Claim 20 recites similar language as Claim 12.

Vamparys discloses a single user profile 704 (see Figure 7) which is provided to three different filtering engines 706, 708, 710 which the Examiner equates to at least three different program recommenders. Vamparys does not disclose or suggest more than one user profile as recited by Applicants' amended, independent claims. Additionally, Vamparys does not disclose or suggest obtaining a user profile from each of the three different filtering engines as recited by Applicants' amended, independent claims.

In particular, Vamparys does not disclose or suggest "obtaining a user profile from each of said at least three different program recommenders, R₁, R₂ and R₃; obtaining for each program on said list a set of recommendation scores, S₁, S₂ and S₃, from each of said recommenders, R₁, R₂ and R₃, a respective score from set of recommendation scores, S₁, S₂ and S₃, corresponding to a respective user profile," as similarly recited by Applicants' Claims 1 and 17.

Further, Vamparys does not disclose or suggest "obtaining a plurality of user profiles from said list of one or more television programs; obtaining at least an explicit recommendation score, E, for said one or more television programs corresponding to a first user profile of said plurality of user profiles; obtaining at least an implicit recommendation score, I, for said one or more television programs corresponding to a second user profile of said plurality of user profiles; obtaining at least a feedback recommendation score, F, for said one or

more television programs corresponding to a third user profile of said plurality of user profiles," as similarly recited by Applicants' Claims 12 and 20.

Therefore, it is believed that Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 are patentably distinct over the prior art reference and accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Vamparys and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 21 depend from independent Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 and thus are limited by the language recited by these independent claims. Therefore, for at least the reasons given above for Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20, it is believed that Claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 21 are patentably distinct over the prior art reference and accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Vamparys and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 5, 11, 15, 19 and 22 By Official Notice

Claims 5, 11, 15, 19 and 22 were rejected by the Examiner taking Official Notice.

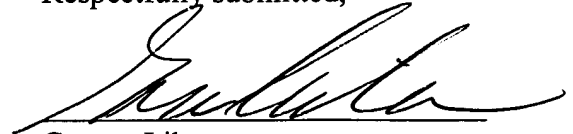
Claims 5, 11, 15, 19 and 22 depend from independent Claims 1, 12, 17 and 20 and thus are limited by the language recited by these independent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claims 5, 11, 15, 19 and 22 by Official Notice and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusions

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-22, are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call John Vodopia, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, Philips Electronics North America, at 914-333-9627.

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**For Ray
Week 22**

Week beginning 5/9/05

Goals for This Week:

1. Complete a threshold run (Boulder) w/o and a threshold bike w/o
2. Swim twice (once in Boulder)
3. Complete two race paced efforts on the weekend

This Week's Workouts:

Monday: Swim.

Tuesday: Run. Warm up thoroughly, then complete 2 x 2.5 miles "hard" with 5' easy jogging or walking in between

Wednesday: Optional Swim.

Thursday: Bike. Warm up thoroughly, then complete 5 x 8' @ 210-215W with 1' recoveries in between. Cool down 5-10' L1.

Friday: Swim (if you don't swim Wednesday).

Saturday: Bike, Run. Warm up thoroughly then hold an average of 175-180W for 90'. Transition, then run 30' @ 8:15-8:45 pace.

Sunday: Run. Run 8 miles @ 8:45-9:15 pace.

Additional Notes: Excellent rebound run this week! As it turns out, there is no reason to have to hump you bike to Colorado. Keep in mind that you will likely be running slower at the same RPE while you are there. I want you to do the threshold bike on Thursday. Caumsett would be great for Saturday, or the LIE Service Rd. Next week is one of recovery in anticipation of the Disney ½ IM. Enjoy and travel safely.